

**METHOD FOR COMPUTING ALL OCCURRENCES OF A COMPOUND
EVENT FROM OCCURRENCES OF PRIMITIVE EVENTS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method for computing all occurrences of a compound event from
occurrences of primitive events where the compound event is a defined combination
of the primitive events. The method includes the steps of: (a) defining primitive event
types; (b) defining combinations of the primitive event types as a compound event
type; (c) inputting the primitive event occurrences, such occurrences being specified
10 as the set of temporal intervals over which a given primitive event type is true; and (d)
computing the compound event occurrences, such occurrences being specified as the
set of temporal intervals over which the compound event type is true, where the sets of
temporal intervals in steps (c) and (d) are specified as smaller sets of spanning
intervals, each spanning interval representing a set of intervals.

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